

Washington - Today, Congressman John Olver (1st District) announced that the House Appropriations Committee, of which Olver serves on the Transportation Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, approved a bill that would provide \$500,000 for Northern Tier Public Transit. "Public transit is especially challenging in rural areas, but investment in transportation infrastructure is critical to the economic future of our state," Olver said. "The House Appropriations Committee's approval by the Appropriations Committee is a preliminary step toward final passage of the bill. Once the bill is passed by the House, CTS will use the \$400,000 to continue providing Dial-a-Ride service to the Athol/Orange area." Olver helped to secure \$19.6 million in transportation earmarks for the First Congressional District. "This is an excellent start for the Transportation bill," Olver said. "As the Appropriations Committee continues to work on the bill, I will continue to advocate for the needs of the Northern Tier region."

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